

Remarks

Claims 37-62 are pending.

The Species Election

In the Office Action, two species elections are required.

First Election

Modification of the peptide at

- (1) N-terminal amino acid residue;
- (2) C-terminal amino acid residue; or
- (3) other amino acid residue except the N- or C-terminal residues

Second Election

Modification of:

- (a) phosphorylation of serine, threonine, tyrosine, aspartate, or histidine;
- (b) sulphation of serine, threonine, tyrosine, aspartate, or histidine;
- (c) carboxylation of glutamate;
- (d) acylation of lysine; or
- (e) oxidation of cysteine

In order to be fully responsive, Applicants elect, with traverse, modification at the N-terminal and acylation of lysine as the species elections.

Conclusion

It is believed that the claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is earnestly requested.

Authorization

No fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to deposit account 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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